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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☒ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

1. A copy of foreign document has been received.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tatsumi et al. (USPN 4,760,388)

Regarding claims 1 and 6, Tatsumi teaches method for displaying pictures on screens of multiple displaying devices. Tatsumi teaches displaying pictures on screens (A B C) each of which having individually operating displaying units (1a, 1b, 1c). See col. 1, lines 7-13 and 60-65. Tatsumi discloses that data displayed on the screens are stored in a memory (M) and further discloses a circuit (119), which has a counter (119) to distribute the data signal to each screen through a distributor (121). See col. 2, lines 6-11, col. 4, lines 23-25 and Fig (2-3). In addition, Tatsumi teaches a video RAM108 that generates picture patterns to be supplied to three display screens, and serves as memory in which pattern attributes are written for each screen's displayable data. See col. 4, lines 43-50.

Regarding claims 3 and 8, Tatsumi teaches a pattern select address generator (113) including the pattern block selector (114) that put signals, which are selections from CPU (101). See col. 3, lines 58-66.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 4-5, 7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tatsumi et al. in view of Hiketa et al. (USPN 5583539).

Tatsumi has been described above. However, Tatsumi does not disclose a system where the display means are detachably attached to the information sending means. Hiketa on the other hand teaches Item selection input apparatus including IC cards (18, 19), which are inserted in slots (12, 13) for reading out the display data as shown in Fig 6.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Tatsumi's display system to include Hiketa's use of IC cards. One would have been motivated in view of the suggestion in Hiketa that the IC cards as used in conjunction with the host computer as well as a signal input apparatus equivalently provide the desired detachability of the display means from the information sending means. The use of IC cards helps function a display device with item selection apparatus as taught by Hiketa.

Regarding claims 2 and 7, Hiketa has been discussed above.

Regarding claims 4 and 13, Hiketa teaches the display data indicating the characters to be displayed on LCD (10) defined by the start position and the item size. See col. 12, lines 6-12 and Fig 6 (10, 3).

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Regarding claims 5, 9-12 and 14, Hiketa teaches that the data required for operation is written into IC cards (18, 19) and further teaches the item selection input apparatus (21a). See col. 13, lines 10-13 and Fig 11.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered to applicant's disclosure.

The following arts are cited for further reference.

U.S. Pat. No. 6, 208, 354 to Porter

U.S. Pat. No. 6,104, 507 to Nakanishi et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 6,262,705 to Inoue et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 6, 400,340 to Nishidi

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to **Abbas Abduselam** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-8591**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Richard Hjerpe**, can be reached at **(703) 305-4709**.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology center 2600 customer Service office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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